

Growth Management Oversight Commission

April 19, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room
Ken Lee Building

MINUTES

GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Krogh, Palma, Jones, O'Neill, Acerro, Clayton, Hall, Garcia

STAFF MEMBERS Stan Donn, Senior Planner
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order and asked the Secretary to conduct the roll call.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman O'Neill invited nominations and Commissioner Palma nominated Ms. Joanne Clayton for the position; seconded by Commissioner Garcia and approved unanimously. Ms. Clayton thanked the commissioners.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of 04/05/07 were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner O'Neill, seconded by Commissioner Palma.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the commission.

5. DISCUSSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The representative from Southwestern College was not present, the Chairman offered to allow him to speak when he arrived.

6. DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY THRESHOLD COMPLIANCE RECOMMENDATIONS & PREPARATION OF DRAFT 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman invited the commissioners to begin their comments. There were editorial changes to the cover page of the draft GMOC Report. Mr. O'Neill clarified that the previous year's report is being used as a base template and updated with the new information for the present review cycle. It was suggested that the "Chair Cover Memo" also include the mini retreat of 04/07/07 and the threshold review topics discussed.

Commissioner Krogh stated that he would still want the document to allude to the "Top to Bottom Review" as being a work in process that has not yet been implemented as yet. It should also be stated that the Top to Bottom Review should be reviewed by the GMOC before being presented to the Council for approval.

Mr. Krogh raised the issue of the Police Department's failure to meet the response threshold on Priority Two calls. After some discussion it was the consensus that strong language should be used to emphasize the importance of this issue to the attention of Council.

The Chairman felt that a theme of this present review period should be "maintenance", which should be reflected in the final report,. He also stated that these issues could be clarified at the public workshop on May 3rd since the purpose of that meeting was not only to roll out the document. Mr. Krogh felt that fiscal should be refined at that meeting. It was agreed that the GMOC should state that it is not enough to furnish new equipment, parks, facilities, etc. to the departments and / or residents of the City, without making revenue provision for the maintenance of same.

Ms. Acerro asked how the Commission could say that the Fiscal Threshold was met when it shows a deficit and the audit shows many problems?

With regard to air quality, the commissioners agreed that the report should point out that Chula Vista already uses several environmentally sound measures, not just in air quality, but should not seek local solutions for regional issues. For purposes of this cycle, the standard (that every development not add to the deterioration of our air quality), although it may be ambivalent, should be used but could be revised in the next review cycle. Mr. Krogh stated that the GMOC should request reports from the APCD to consider for next year's review period.

Commissioner Krogh suggested that the Report should state that the commission held that retreat and agreed that this and other thresholds will be reviewed and possibly revised in next year's cycle.

Ms. Acerro suggested that there be questioning of water supply certainty for the long term, considering growing evidence of likelihood of cutbacks from Colorado and Delta; she handed out materials indicating that. The concern of Sweetwater Authority District was that if there was high rate of growth in the western side of the City, the District may have to import water to supply as they are currently at 83% of the local water source. It was pointed out that both agencies confirmed five-year projection supply and each new project has to acquire a "will serve" letter from the Sweetwater Authority for potable, landscape and fire suppression water.

Ms. Acerro questioned saying Drainage was in compliance with the recent Infrastructure report includes many drainages that do not meet engineering standards.

There was some discussion about the formatting of the Report Mr. Krogh suggested that the Traffic information from the executive summary and the GMOC recommendation of "Option C" be included in the body of the report and a more concise description be used in the summary. The other commissioners concurred.

The Chairman suggested that the GMOC should highlight recommended changes to those thresholds, which are more easily defined to gain quicker action and also recommend that the City should be more progressive in the issue of continued maintenance of all facilities. He felt that the comments of the commission would be considered redundant if too many red flags were raised at one time.

He summarized the issues for direction to staff for the report –

Police's non-compliance with Priority Two response times

Fiscal's ability to maintain city facilities;

Traffic – especially eastern Chula Vista as a result of the completion of SR-125, from the I-805 eastward; and

Water – though not within the City's purview, it should encourage the agencies to embrace new technologies and long term planning.

He reiterated that communication should be made on the retreat and that the group evaluated the objective/subjective effectiveness of the existing thresholds and the need and desirability of considering additional ones, such as healthcare and solid waste.

7. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioners reviewed the notes from the retreat, which the Chairman felt should be an appendix in the workshop packet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Neill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Acerro, at 8:00 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting which is the Public Workshop to be held at the Public Works Corporation facility, 1800 Maxwell Road, on May 03, 2007 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Rabbia Phillip
Secretary

Frank J. Herrera-A
Growth Management Coordinator

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